

# COMMON INCIDENT COMMAND CENTER SITUATIONS

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## Pesticides

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### Potential Contacts and/or Report Distribution: (**BOLD = REQUIRED CONTACTS**)

- Spills: **Regional Office, DOA, HWP, EPA, and MoDOT** (if along a highway). In the event of threat to a waterway contact MDC, Water Pollution Branch (WPB) and Drinking Water Branch (DWB)
- Misapplication: Regional Office, DOA, and EPA
- E-mail (January 4, 2005 memo on Guidance for EER E-Mail Messages) if an EER Response is made.

### Duty Officer Considerations:

- EER response for large releases. Responder should be prepared to sample for pesticides.
- Verify proximity to a public drinking water intake (see DWB maps in ICC).
- For an incident involving a spill, consult product Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) as well as Incident Command Center references (e.g. Farm Chemicals Handbook) to determine best course of action. Internet sites also may prove useful in locating product information or MSDSs (e.g. <http://chemfinder.camsoft.com>).
- In the event of abandoned chemicals that are not on the banned chemicals list, attempt to locate a responsible individual or business that can use the product for its intended purpose.
- If a caller reports possessing banned chemicals, record the information on an incident report and put the individual in contact with the Environmental Protection Agency or a private environmental contractor for disposal assistance. Some pesticides may be disposed at a local Household Hazardous Waste Center, refer to Section 60 of the HSERP. DO NOT arrange for the retrieval of the chemical(s) for storage at ESP. EER personnel may be dispatched to overpack the chemicals if the original container is leaking or is in poor condition.
- Soil clean up to sight/smell, or apply at a rate recommended by the manufacturer for its intended purpose.
- For a spill involving a waterway, contain the product and remove with a vac truck if possible. Dilute via flushing if containment is not possible. Remember most pesticides are toxic to aquatic life.